# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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NATURAL CALAMITIES
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the World Bank has asked the South Asian countries including India to put in place a social risk management system to protect the poor from various calamities like earthquake;

(b) if so, the details of various suggestions given by the World Bank; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government on these suggestions?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S REGUPATHY)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. As per information available, World Bank has not made any specific request with regard to various calamities like earthquake. However, in the World Conference on Disaster Reduction held from 18-22 January, 2005 at Kobe, Hyogo, Japan under the auspices of the United Nations, the Member States were called upon to strengthen the implementation of the social safety-net mechanisms to assist the poor people affected by disasters. The Government of India already have many programmes and schemes to protect the poor people and the vulnerable sections of the society from various natural calamities.